

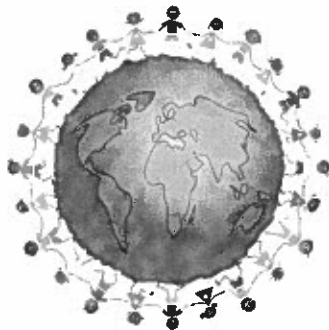
4Q News

Sept 2011

New Topics:

Science

Our class has started our first Science topic for the year, "Waste and Our World". Students learn about wastes produced through natural processes and human technology. In studying natural systems, students learn that all plants, animals and other living things are made up of materials that are recycled through the environment again and again. In studying human consumption and wastes, students identify wastes produced within their community and learn the methods used for disposal. They learn that some waste materials are biodegradable, that some are reusable, and that others are toxic. They learn that personal action in reducing, reusing and recycling materials can help decrease the waste we accumulate.

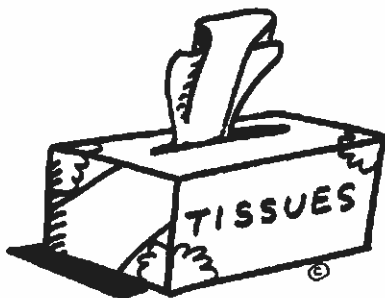


Math

Our class will be starting a mathematics unit on whole numbers. Children will develop strategies for adding and subtracting whole numbers. They will use mental math, estimation, and pencil-and-paper calculations. See the attached sheet for more information.

Kleenex

A reminder If you haven't already please send a box of tissue to school for our classroom.



School Website

Westlock School has a website! Here you will find information about staff, programs, fundraising. There you will find the school newsletter, calendar of events, and a link to the Westlock Links Site. Our school website address is:

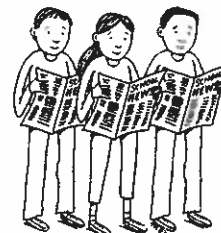
www.westlockelementary.ca

Make sure you check my class page by clicking **Teacher Pages** (next to the fox) and then on **Ms. Quong's Class**. On our class page you will find all of our class documents, weekly spelling words, class newsletters, study guides, printable permission forms and other useful information. Don't forget to bookmark our site!



Haunted Houses

Do you have any spare plywood or pieces of wood lying around? 4Q will be creating haunted houses at the beginning of October and we need wood! We are in need of 23 bases made of plywood that are about 30cm by 30cm. As well as various sizes and shapes of wood. If you can spare some pieces of wood or are able to cut bases for us please contact Ms. Quong.



Upcoming Important Dates

- Sept. 5- Labour Day (no school)
- Sept. 9- scholastic orders due
- Sept. 22- reading homework due
- Sept. 23- P.D. Day (no school)
- Sept. 26- Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Meetings
- Sept. 27- Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Meetings
- Oct. 7- no school
- Oct. 10- Thanksgiving (no school)
- Oct. 26- Early Dismissal (2:15pm)
- Oct. 31- Halloween Parade and Party(pm)

To Parents and Adults at Home...

Our class is starting a mathematics unit on whole numbers. Children will develop strategies for adding and subtracting whole numbers. They will use mental math, estimation, and pencil-and-paper calculations.

In this unit, your child will:

- Recognize and read numbers from 1 to 10 000.
- Read and write numbers in standard form, expanded form, and written form.
- Compare and order numbers.
- Use diagrams to show relationships.
- Estimate sums and differences.
- Add and subtract 3-digit and 4-digit numbers mentally.
- Use personal strategies to add and subtract.
- Pose and solve problems.

We use numbers every day in many different situations. Encourage your child to use mental math to calculate. Talk with your child about the strategies you use to calculate mentally. This is an important step to developing number sense.

Here are some games you can play with your child when you are travelling.

Licence Plate Games

Take turns to call out the numbers on a licence plate. See who can add the numbers the fastest.

Ignore the letters. Read the number out loud.

For example, if the licence plate is ABCD 749, the number is seven hundred forty-nine.

See who can find the greatest number in a certain length of time.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering for the 4Q class please indicate below by checking the following ways in which you would like to help:

_____ I would like to help with preparing materials for upcoming lessons at home.
(eg. cutting out letters or laminating, coloring, etc.)

_____ I would like to help with various tasks at the school.
(eg. put up bulletin displays, catalogue books, reading with students, etc.)

_____ I would like to help organize snacks for various classroom parties throughout the year. The "class mom/dad" will phone 4-5 parents to bring snacks/juice for the upcoming party.

Name _____

Thank you in advance for your much appreciated help!

Scrapbook Project

Students will be creating a scrapbook of their grade 4 year. Throughout the year we will be taking and developing photos of your child. Events like Halloween, Christmas, Easter, buddies and fieldtrips will be photographed. To help cover the costs of the photo development for this project, please send \$5 with this form. Thank you for supporting this project!

_____ 's scrapbook money enclosed.

Your child's name